

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. How much staffing is required of the residents?

*Residents are required to staff every third weekend once training is completed with a minimum of 12 weekends.*

### 2. What is dual-appointment?

*Dual-appointment means residents receive pharmacist wages for all staffing hours.*

### 3. What jobs have former residents taken after completing a pharmacy residency at VA Puget Sound?

*Former residents now work in clinical pharmacy practices in inpatient, ambulatory care, and administrative settings; many have stayed at VA Puget Sound or the VA system. Currently, the majority of preceptors have been former PGY-1 or PGY-2 residents at VA Puget Sound. Other former residents have become university faculty, pharmacy supervisors or clinical coordinators.*

### 4. Where can I go for more information?

*A full program description is available at <http://www.pbm.va.gov/PBM/education/vapharmacyresidencyprogram.asp>*



## ABOUT THE MEDICAL CENTER



VA Puget Sound Health Care System - Seattle

The VA Puget Sound Health Care System is a 504-bed acute care center that provides tertiary care for veterans in Western Washington. Services are also provided to veterans upon referral from Alaska, Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho. The VA is affiliated with the University Of Washington School Of Medicine and has 37 allied health training programs (including pharmacy, nursing, psychology, and various other disciplines). Inpatient and outpatient clinical services include medicine, dialysis, surgery, neurology, substance abuse, rehabilitation medicine, gerontology, spinal cord injury, bone marrow transplant, women's care and psychiatry. The Medical Center receives over \$7 million of VA funding and \$10 million of non-VA funding for biomedical, gerontological, rehabilitation, and health systems research.



VA Puget Sound Health Care System - American Lake

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## VA PUGET SOUND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

# Pharmacy Practice Residency



*Accredited by the American  
Society of Health System  
Pharmacists since 1976*





## VA Puget Sound Overview

- Tertiary care teaching hospital (Seattle and American Lake Divisions)
- Biomedical and health systems research
- Medical Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education
- First of three VA bone marrow transplant centers
- Regional Spinal Cord Injury Center
- Affiliation with the University of Washington School of Medicine & School of Pharmacy

## Overview of VA Puget Sound Residency Programs

- Accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) since 1976
- Offers seven PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Resident positions and one PGY-2 Pharmacy Administration Resident position
- Balanced inpatient and outpatient clinical experience
- Paid hourly staffing via dual appointment
- Prescriptive authority
- Opportunity to earn teaching certificate from University of Washington
- Opportunity to precept PharmD students
- Pharmacist license from ANY state accepted
- Individual office space
- On-site parking
- 24-hr gym access

## Core Rotations

### *Inpatient*

- General Internal Medicine
- Surgical Unit / Medical Intensive Care Unit
- Bone Marrow Transplant Unit
- Oncology

### *Administrative*

- Pharmacy Practice Management

### *Ambulatory Care*

- Primary Care Clinic, Seattle Division
- Medical Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education

## Elective Rotations

- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Anticoagulation Clinic
- Mental Health
- Home Based Primary Care
- Primary Care Clinic, American Lake Division
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Off-site rotations

## Longitudinal Clinics

- Rheumatology
- Cardiology
- Gerontology
- Pulmonology
- Nephrology
- Hepatology
- Pharmacy Administration
- Women's Health

## Qualifications

All residency candidates must meet the following prerequisites:

- United States Citizenship
- Doctor of Pharmacy with eventual licensure in any state
- A minimum GPA of 3.0
- A personal, on-site interview
- Participation in the **ASHP residency matching program** ([www.natmatch.com/ashprmp](http://www.natmatch.com/ashprmp))

## How to Apply

Interested candidates may apply through the **PhORCAS (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service) application portal**. Standard application materials include:

- Basic demographics
- Verified transcripts
- Letter of intent
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
  - Please include a reference from university/college faculty.
  - Letters of recommendation may conform to the standardized reference template in PhORCAS or may be a free form letter.
- Extracurricular information
- Supplemental information
- A completed Application for Associated Health Occupations (VA Form 10-2850c)

Deadline for application to the VA residency is Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.